

ORIG LTR TO H-MSG CNTR
FOR HAND DELIVERY TO THE HILL, 2/12-tlc
DIST TO:
P
S/S
S/S-S
TMA
TMB
ARA
H-2
RF/tlc

080075-0848

S/S 8803590

United States Department of State

Under Secretary of State
for Political Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20520

February 12, 1988

Dear Senator Humphrey:

Thank you for your February 4 invitation to appear before the Congressional Task Force on Afghanistan, February 18, 1988.

As you are aware, it is the Administration's policy to offer witnesses and testimony only before the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. Consequently, the Department of State will be unable to send a representative to testify at the February 18 Congressional Task Force session.

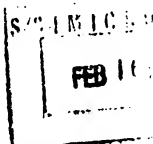
However, I personally would welcome the opportunity to brief you in your office on the status of the United Nations-mediated proximity talks and United States policy with regard to a negotiated settlement to the Afghan conflict. My staff will shortly be contacting your office to schedule a mutually convenient day and time for this briefing.

Clearances: H: BWarren
H: MJohnson
P: AEastham

Sincerely,

Michael H. Armacost

Drafted: H: WWhite
2/11/88 X79037
NEA 2327



DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

The Honorable,
Gordon J. Humphrey,
United States Senator

REVIEWED by AIB

DATE 8/2/87

CLASSIFICATION
() SECRET () CONFIDENTIAL () TOP SECRET
() DECLASSIFY in PART
() Non-responsive info.
FOR HQ or PA exemptions

TS authority to:
() DECLASSIFY () OADR
() DECLASSIFY TO () S or () C, OADR